

MAY 23, 2007

The North Providence School Committee met on May 23, 2007 at 6:47 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Mr. Gerardi, Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were also present.

The meeting began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Cataldi asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Cataldi moved to move the Student Recognition from the School Committee Report to first on the Agenda so the students could leave.

On behalf of the entire committee, Chairman Cataldi recognized and presented certificates to three students for being chosen National Merit Finalists – Matthew DaSilva, Kelly DeAngelis and Adam Lourenco.

Next on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. First was the Ricci SALT Report. On behalf of the committee, Chairman Cataldi congratulated Ms. Hines, the staff and the students at Ricci for such an impressive report. Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting

over to Mr. Gerardi. Next on the Agenda was the District Strategic Plan. Dr. Gerardi recommended that the committee approve the Plan as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve as submitted.

Next was Field Trip Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Field Trip Request as presented.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted.

Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the May 23, 2007 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the May 23, 2007 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.

Chairman Cataldi turned the meeting to Mr. Martinelli, Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee who asked that the committee accept

the recommendations made concerning the contract for Superintendent Ottaviano made in Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Martinelli, seconded by Mr. Wilkes. Mr. DaSilva called for a roll call vote – Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Reall, nay; Mr. Iannetta, nay; Chairman Cataldi, nay; Mr. DaSilva, nay; Mr. Wilkes, aye; and Mr. Martinelli, aye.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the three-year package previously submitted, seconded by Mrs. Reall.

Mr. Marciano began a discussion citing monetary reasons for his vote. Mrs. Reall then commented that she has worked in the district for 51 years, including 4 superintendents and stated that Dr. Ottaviano is “one of the best” and should be compensated in line with her peers. Mr. DaSilva added that the state’s deficit is not Dr. Ottaviano’s fault and she should not be penalized because of it. Chairman Cataldi added that Dr. Ottaviano should be rewarded for the education received in North Providence. He added that it was an honor to vote to support a 3 year contract for her. Mr. Iannetta stated that Dr. Ottaviano has done a remarkable job for the District.

Mr. Martinelli commented that he agrees with some of what other members have said; however, the town is facing a \$.35 tax increase – or more. Chairman Cataldi added that the School Department does not have a deficit. Mr. Martinelli added that he is speaking on behalf of tax payers.

Mr. Marciano added a final comment. His vote was not personal regarding Dr. Ottaviano, but strictly monetary.

Mr. DaSilva moved for a roll call on a three year contract for the Superintendent – Mr. Marciano, nay; Mrs. Reall, aye; Mr. DaSilva, aye; Mr. Martinelli, nay; Mr. Iannetta, aye, Chairman Cataldi, aye; Mr. Wilkes, nay. Motion carried by a 4 to 3 vote.

Mr. Wilkes spoke next stating he has been on the committee for 9 years. Has no comment but is handing the Chairman his Letter of Resignation effective immediately.

Chairman Cataldi asked that he reconsider. Mr. Martinelli made a motion not to accept the resignation and hold it until next month's meeting. Mr. Marciano seconded.

Mrs. Reall suggested the committee needed a legal opinion. Chairman Cataldi called for a 10 minute recess to consult with counsel. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall. Recess at 7:15 pm.

7:25 pm Chairman Cataldi motion to reconvene, seconded by Mrs. Reall.

Chairman Cataldi made 2 comments: 1. re letter from Mr. Wilkes – per

legal counsel the letter will be referred to the Town Council; and 2. Questions from the media would be referred to Mr. Scungio.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business.

First was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Requests by Janine Napolitano for Unpaid Leave effective May 29, 2007 to end of 2006/07 school year; and by Pompea Imondi for Extension of Unpaid Leave Pursuant to Article VI, Section 12B effective August 29, 2007 to January 2, 2008.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the appointment as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Iannetta and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of Lucille Delasanta as Principal of Ricci Middle School effective the 2007/08 school year.

Mrs. Reall added the comment that the three candidates were all outstanding.

Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda is Use of Property. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the May 23, 2007 School Committee Packets.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the North Providence School Department List of Bills dated May 18, 2007 in the amount of \$1,171,163.56 be approved and paid.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the May 18, 2007 List of Bills be approved and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the April 25, 2007 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L 42-46-4 and

42-46-5.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried that the Minutes of the April 25, 2007 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none, Chairman Cataldi commented that the Committee should focus on education and would like to wish Dr. Ottaviano and Mrs. Delasanta well.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,